

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-249

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

October 13, 2023

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was not fair in her rulings in a juvenile dependency case.

The role of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine whether a judicial officer has engaged in conduct that violates the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct or Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution. There must be clear and convincing evidence of such a violation in order for the Commission to take disciplinary action against a judicial officer.

The Commission does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. The Commission reviewed all relevant available information and concluded there was not clear and convincing evidence of ethical misconduct in this matter. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Commission members Barbara Brown and Colleen E. Concannon did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 13, 2023.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name:

Judge's Name:

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

In re the Matter of:

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The judge stated this case was dumped on her and would not even hear our side of the story i had a lawyer whom entered evidence that the safety plan was being violated by the paternal grandparents and the father of the grandchildren in this case my attorney presented evidence showing the violations by the paternal grandparents and the father.

However, our peices of evidence were never appropriate as the judiciary neglected all of the evidence.

We had sufficient evidence to prove the safety violations were taking place and this was ignored by the Judge Throughout the process we were never given fairness in the hearing and the judiciary always seemed under the influence of the defendants party.

allowed paternal grandparents and father to move the grandchildren into their care, Current placement, unfortunately, does not believe that their son (Father) has a substance abuse problem and blindly support his ongoing denials.

Consequently we were denied visits by the judge and the judge would not even allow a psychologist vistis with my grandchildren this was unfair practices.

We are supportive of reunification, however we were committed to effectively protect and against the dangers and instability of substance abuse.

I believe we were treated unfailry in this case placing my grandchildren safety at risk.

Thanks & regards